

EMPIRE POULTRY AND PET STOCK SHOW DEC. 5 TO 9--GARDENS

Rhode Island Reds are, in all likelihood, to lead the Palace Show this year, opening at the Grand Central Palace on Tuesday. Barred Rocks were the numerical heads last winter, and they will be close up to the front this year, practically dividing entry honors with the Rhode Island breed. White Wyandottes, Buff Orpingtons and Hutterpops are not far behind. The classes in these have filled splendidly.

Old River Rabbit is to be a king this year, the Palace Show offering by far the best pet stock show it has ever presented in its history. The rabbit and the cat should make this an exceedingly popular week for the children, especially with the latest announcements of the champion white cat Imperator to be shown, who has one blue eye and one yellow eye, and wins in both blue-eyed and yellow-eyed classes, getting a double number of ribbons, and the "movie cats."

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The "movie cats" are real. They work for a living, rather than for some one else's living, and they bring in a very neat income for their owner, Miss Elizabeth Kingston of New York, who rents them out at "salaries" to various moving picture companies. Whenever a film comes along where a cat is an important part of the story these movie cats of Miss Kingston's are in demand; for they do what the average cat cannot be depended upon to do, they "register," as the moving picture phrase has it, that is, they show well on the screen, especially their photograph beautifully when it comes to "close ups" and they never turn a hair in the most thrilling of scenes and stunts. In other words, they are accomplished movie stars and knowing how to pose they will, in all likelihood, get the eye of the judges and prove formidable rivals to the calm and unemotional, costly, wonderfully groomed \$500 and up pussies that hitherto have swept the classes and are the aristocrats of catdom.

The new features make the double cat show of the week additionally strong, as strong, in fact, that the chickens are going to have to look to their laurels or the crowds will pay the many different kinds of pussies more attention than they give to the coops downstairs. Another interesting fact is that there is a ball market for kittens. The price is up, and really crackling kittens, the hundred dollar and more sort, are hard to get. The damp summer killed off so many of the finest grades of kittens that stocks are low.

White Cats This Year.

White cats are to be the feature of this year's show, with "red" cats very much in evidence. A "red" cat is more a name than anything else to be exact, but it is not cat experts. There is a

cream of the breeders in a hundred different specialties.

Robert Seaman of Jericho is president and general manager, and L. D. Howell of Mineola, secretary and treasurer. The show has the same general superintendent, William H. Hearfield of Babylon. Three men better known to people in the poultry industry all over the country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, it would be difficult to find. Much of the Palace show's evolution from little to big things has been built on the personality of these men. Other directors and men who have taken active part in the Empire Poultry Association's work are Capt. C. E. Arnold of Babylon, who is vice-president; C. A. Brown, the assistant to the treasurer; P. H. Wells of Deer Park, L. I.; E. J. Sprague of Darien, Conn., the only man on the board who is not actually living on Long Island; P. P. Seaman of Mineola, Charles M. Smith of Patchogue. Over the cat shows, which have come to be a very vital part of the big poultry

show, as it is this year, and "written up" in the papers to the extent of columns, just as if she had been a famous opera singer from abroad. Mary, opera singer of note, by the way, never received the "write ups" Lady Magistrate got.

The late poultry entries of the show include the poultry of the Misses Grace, daughters of the late ex-Mayor William H. Grace of New York, Long Islander, Farm, which are famous for their Black Orpingtons and Houdans. Fashion is to be well represented. Samuel Willets of Roslyn with his game birds and barred Rocks, and Mortimer Schiff of Locust Valley, being among the exhibitors. It is to be a big waterfowl year, in all probability, with hot contents between George H. Morris of Spaulding, N. Y.; Miss Almona Pomeroy of Buffalo, and it is a "bar" with no one knowing it will direct the prize may call. Young exceptions are large exhibitors, particularly in Barred Rocks and Minoras.

eggs of prize birds have been sold for \$2 each.

Cornish also have good reputations as meat birds. They are almost as large as turkeys.

E. M. D. Brewster, N. Y.—Your letter delayed in mail. Hollyhocks planted this autumn should flower next season. Hardy roses can be planted as late as the ground can be worked if they are field grown roses. It will not do to set out pot grown roses so late in the season.

E. H. H. Dunbury, Conn.—A. P. Saunders, Clinton, N. Y., is secretary of the American Peony Society. Peonies are propagated by dividing

the crowns bearing a terminal bud on each division of the tuber. Shrubby species are also propagated by cuttings taken late in summer, with a heel or piece of the preceding year's growth attached, planted in a cool greenhouse or frame where they will not freeze during winter.

P. E. T. Le Roy, N. Y.—Capt. Christy rose can be purchased of J. C. Vaughan, Barclay and Church streets, New York; Dingee & Conard, West Grove, Pa.; and Bobbink & Atkins, Rutherford, N. J.

Frank L. Brooks, New York—Pharisee rose is listed by Dingee & Conard, West Grove, Pa., and Bobbink & Atkins, Rutherford, N. J.

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faint pink tinge to the fur, that is all. But the "red" cat is none the less an unusual, difficult to get and raise and highly regarded little animal of today. The white cat voted this double 1916 show a distinctive and an interesting one. The past two or three years the tendency and the larger proportion of entries has been toward silvers and blues. This year both of these are strangely enough, running very light.

Among the more important late entries in these cat classes are fourteen solid red kittens put in by Mrs. Paul Schlechter of Allentown, Pa., all sons and daughters of Champion Major Warwick; five Chinchillas, to be exhibited by Mrs. Arthur Churchill of Montreal; three reds by the Misses Champion of Stapleton, Staten Island, blue-eyed whites by Miss Maud Sarrar of Orange, Va.; nine blue-eyed whites by Miss Jennie Kroch of Orange, N. J.; blues by Mrs. A. Moorehead, J. of New Haven, Conn.; twenty-five cats of all breeds by Mrs. Anna McAllister of New York, and fifteen entries from Mrs. Guy Thomas of Plainfield, also including very nearly all varieties, a brown tabby short hair from Mrs. Natalie of New York and a tortoiseshell from Wallace Vreeland.

Other late entrants include Mrs. F. A. Suter of New York, with a blue cream neuter; Mrs. Clara N. Bailey of Brooklyn, who will judge in the Empire Show the last part of the week, but exhibit in the Westchester Cat Club Show the first two days, presenting her solid blue neuter James, a famous prize winner, and at least two blue-eyed whites; Mrs. Charles Haines of Vinemont, Pa., in with three blues; Mrs. Sidney Kelf of Stapleton, Staten Island, who is to have a big entry of blues; Mrs. Harriet Brown of Rochester, who is bringing down some very promising silver tabby short hairs, and Miss L. Gould Hopkins of New York with her curious Imperator, the cat with the one yellow and the one blue eye, already noted above.

Mrs. Harriet V. Funness of New York and Mrs. Clara N. Bailey of Brooklyn are to judge in the Empire Cat Club Show Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and Mrs. F. Y. Muthis of Greenwich, Conn., and Miss Jennie Kroch of Orange, N. J., for the Westchester Cat Club Show Tuesday and Wednesday.

The tenth year of this "show of friendships," as it has been called ever since its organization—sociability among exhibitors and between exhibitors and the Empire Poultry Association itself having always been its keynote, and a very successful one—brings forward the same well known board of officers and directors, the little group of Long Island men that started this poultry show on practically nothing notable jump from that to the proud position the show holds to-day, inaugurating each winter season in the poultry world and bringing together the

exhibit each year, there is in charge Mrs. I. J. Ketchen of New Rochelle, herself one of the largest breeders and exhibitors in catdom.

The "High Cost of Living."

While nothing definite can be said as yet, all the plans being in embryo, it is very much within the bounds of possibility that this 1916 Poultry Show may have a direct effect upon scaling down the "high cost of living." A few years ago, even two or three, any one would have been laughed at who suggested the keeping of chickens on a small place on the outskirts of a city. Too many people had failed at it, ignorantly. It could not be seen to be a commercial proposition. Now chicken raising has been so systematized that with ordinary diligence and the use of a very small capital success is certain. By the purchase of a modern equipment, not a very costly outlay, a little chicken yard on one's place can be made to pay and the old element of speculation very nearly done away with. The chickens and eggs raised on this small scale will not, of course, be big money makers. But they will materially reduce living expenses in every family that shows this enterprise.

Nowhere can the practical working out of this new profession—for new it is, with all its developments and improvements—be better learned than at the Palace Show this coming week. The latest in equipment and foods to be there, to be studied over, compared and analyzed. All the mechanical appliances that to-day make chicken raising an exact science instead of a hit-or-miss affair are ready to be inspected. New York and its suburbs might do very much worse than look into the situation. There is a possibility of its saving many men a good many thousands of dollars in the aggregate. The dwellers in flats cannot, of course, make the experiment that promises so well, but the many should have at least a dozen hens, that have a little ground about their homes have the chance. At the Palace Show one can learn what might be done.

Some one well known in the public eye said only the other day that every owner of a suburban lot of 50 by 100 should have at least a dozen hens, that he would find that they could be made to pay him. The idea has already taken deep root. Fresh eggs about which there is no question and which do not cost the present exorbitant prices are a powerful bait. Will the present poultry show point the way and bring about the actual saving of money? It is all very possible. If this does happen—and it is not at all impossible in this day of agitation—the 1916 Palace Poultry Show will have accomplished a great public service. It will pay the average man to go up to the Grand Central Palace not once but several times during the coming week and talk to the practical men who will be there by hundreds, as to what can be done in the breeding of fowl and the regular supplying of eggs. He will be surprised at what

the rabbits, the pigeons, the entire range of pet stock and cage birds. A pair of pigeons will give much pleasure to a boy, and not much time is needed to teach him how to care for them. The mental training thereon has a value that can scarcely be estimated. But if not pigeons there is still a wide range. The cunning cavy with their bright eyes and pretty fur are loved by all children, and they make easy cared for pets. Three are necessary for a perfect family.

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